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Application of:

STOUT, Robert L. et al.

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METHODS OF DETERMINING ACTIVE
LEVELS OF DRUGS IN FLUID SAMPLES

Docket No. 31645

Customer No.: 23,589

Group Art Unit No. 1655

Examiner: SRIVASTAVA, Kailash C.

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant STOUT, Robert L. et al., through his attorneys, hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a 2-month extension of time in which to file a response to office action of July 27, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17, a check in the amount of \$225.00 is enclosed herewith for the 2-month fee.

In the event that the foregoing request or fee calculation is incorrect, this Petition should be construed as one for sufficient time to permit timely filing of the present reply. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Petition should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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